

We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, and the license renewal process should require a real assessment of a station's compliance with public interest standards.

Sinclair Broadcasting uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Their decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary right before the Presidential election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

When a large company controls the what people in up to 25% of the country watch, the company gets more of what's good for its bottom line, and we get less of the unbiased information we need to be well-informed citizens. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, we want to see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Thank you.